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Leta Mach and Emmett Jordan Are Certified for 2009 Election

Incumbent Leta Mach and challenger Emmett Jordan are the next two city council candidates to complete the nomination forms, which have been certified by City Clerk Cindy Murray, and they made their biographies available to this newspaper. Mach is completing her third term in office. Jordan is a member of the city's Advisory Planning Board.

Leta Mach

Leta Mach and her husband Darrell moved to Greenbelt in 1974. They have two married children – Ryan and Amy – and four granddaughters: Anna, Alexa, Piper and Amelia.

She was first elected to the Greenbelt City Council in 2003 and is completing her third term. She has served on numerous local and national committees to represent the City of Greenbelt including the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee and the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee. At the Washington Council of Governments and its affiliates, she serves on the board of Clean Air Partners and is the Maryland vice chair of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. She is also the secretary of the Prince George's Elected Municipal Women.

In 2000, Mach was honored as Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed



Leta Mach

years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations. Through the years, she served as treasurer of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School; PTA president of both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School; News Review reporter, editor



Emmett Jordan

and proofreader; volunteer for the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee; chair of the GHI Audit Committee and secretary of the board of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

For Greenbelt's 50th anniversary, she chaired the Greenbelt

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APB Majority Supports Design Changes for South Core Plan

by Thomas X. White

With only six members present, the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board (APB) met on September 2 to discuss, debate and vote on a draft report recommending that the Greenbelt City Council support a proposed revision to the detailed site plan (DSP) approved in 2006 for the Greenbelt Station South Core development. The revised proposal submitted to the technical staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) by Me-

tropark LLC would apply only to 151 rear-loading (garage in rear) town homes in the development proposed by Craftstar Homes, a Washington metro area builder.

This was the fourth APB meeting this summer on the proposed DSP revision. Its purpose was to give final approval to a draft report to council that had been prepared by APB Chair George Branyan following a five to two straw vote at the board's August 19 meeting.

The vote recommended that

council support the 151-unit Craftstar Homes project in the South Core at Greenbelt West. That recommendation envisions the city's agreeing to revisions to the 2006 covenants allowing modifications in site plan, design features and architectural elevations for the Craftstar project.

The APB recommendation counters the position previously taken by the Greenbelt Planning and Community Development staff. Due to design and architectural concerns, as well as policy issues relating to the non-fulfillment of financial and infrastructure commitments by the Metropark, LLC developers in development agreements and covenants, the planning staff argues that the city should oppose the revision.

Also at the meeting, APB members Brian Gibbons and Sandra Lange offered a minority report setting out reasons for opposing the APB majority action. They take the position that “ – it is not in the interest of all parties concerned to advance the South Core project by relaxing the existing covenants.”

Majority Report

In his draft report to council, Branyan based the APB recommendation solely on site plan,

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Racist Graffiti Condemned, Reward Offered by Council

by Diane Oberg

At a special meeting on September 8, the Greenbelt City Council unanimously approved a statement describing the painting of racist graffiti in an underpass in the center city area as a hate crime and offered a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. (The statement is printed below.) The graffiti included a threat against an individual who has expressed an interest in running for council. Greenbelt Police were alerted to the graffiti on Sunday morning August 30. The graffiti was removed that same day and the individual mentioned in the graffiti notified. Police are investigating the incident as a hate crime. As of Tuesday night, there were no leads, ac-

cording to City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Mayor Judith Davis noted that council has referred the issue to the Community Relations Advisory Board, which will discuss whether additional action should be taken and report back to council. In its statement, council referred to the Community Pledge it adopted in September 2001.

The pledge states:

“The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched.

“We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people.”

City Statement on Graffiti

Over the weekend of August 29, graffiti was placed on one of Greenbelt's pedestrian underpasses. The graffiti was racist in nature and was directed at a person who is considering running for City Council in the upcoming November election.

We, the City Council, believe actions of this type are abhorrent and do not reflect the values of diversity of our Greenbelt community as stated in the Greenbelt Community Pledge. A violation against one is a violation against all.

This graffiti is a hate crime and will be handled as such by the Greenbelt Police Department. The city will fully prosecute this action. A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for any information leading to an arrest. We urge anyone with information about the act to report it to the Police at 301-474-7200.

The Greenbelt City Council

City Meeting with Beltway Plaza Raises New Issues

by Mary Moien

At an annual stakeholders' meeting on August 24, the Greenbelt City Council and staff met with Quantum Companies, the owners and developers of Beltway Plaza and surrounding parking property. Kap Kapastin, Fred Wine and David Sullivan represented Beltway Plaza, with Wine as the major presenter.

Wine described the good and bad news about Beltway Plaza since the last stakeholders meeting. There has been turnover with stores at the plaza; Bennigan's restaurant closed and was recently replaced with William's American Bistro. On the outside range of the plaza, a Sears Appliance store replaced Hollywood Video and Cricket Communications replaced Ritz Camera.

Several other new stores have opened in the mall. A new laundromat is opening on the east rear outside the plaza. Wine said they had opened a laundromat at another mall location, which had brought more customers to all the stores in that mall.

The group said it has been a tough time for retail. In the past

individual stores might close; now whole companies are closing, such as Value City and KB Toys.

The major goal of Quantum Companies is to do everything possible to increase business at Beltway Plaza. They have been working for several years on ideas to bring residential buildings to the rear of the property to increase use of the mall. However, they said that instead of helping them make this happen, in their opinion, the city always seems to find ways not to have it happen.

Wine said that if there is no way the city would approve the building of apartments or condos on the property, please tell them, as they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars producing plans that the city has rejected.

Residence Plans

Wine proposed a new plan to develop the rear area of the plaza in stages, starting with approximately 500 to 700 apartments. City councilmembers were not

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What Goes On

Saturday, September 12

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pooch Plunge, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

1 to 3 p.m., Annual Senior Citizen Open Forum, Community Center Multi-purpose Room, Room 201

Monday, September 14

7:30 p.m., GreenACES Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and Streaming www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 a.m., Registration for GED Course, Municipal Building

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

Thursday, September 17

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters to the Editor

More Objections To Leafleting

I noted with great interest the letter written by Laneta Dawaf, Leafleting Cars, published in the August 27 issue of the Greenbelt News Review.

Recently a flier was placed under the windshield of my car by a representative of a candidate for city council. After a few days it becomes quite apparent which vehicles have not been moved. This can encourage criminals to vandalize or steal the vehicles. Fortunately, I removed the offending flier within a few hours, thus preventing a problem.

The advertised candidate lost my vote. There is nothing that candidate can do to regain my vote – it is gone! Needless to say, I was angry and, I repeat, that candidate cannot do anything to regain my vote.

As the campaign progresses, other candidates may be tempted to contact voters by leafletting vehicles and/or by direct mail. Candidates, be forewarned: it could cost you votes. If you leaflet my vehicle or place a hang tag on my door, you have lost my vote. And if you do a direct mail campaign, use first class postage. I do not react kindly to my 44-cent stamp subsidizing your campaign.

Paul Sabol

Eat Vegan Now At Generous Joe’s

While visiting the food vendors Labor Day Sunday and noticing very few yummy-sounding vegetarian selections, I opted for something at Generous Joe’s. I was delightfully surprised to see Vegan Burger offered on the menu! I tried one – tasty and full of protein. Not only do the Beijing and New Deal Café offer veggie fare, now Joe’s does, too. So try a vegan burger and save a cow!

“Li’l Dan” Celdran

P.S. Love the new ideas for Labor Day weekend entertainment – Greenbelt Idol and Battle of the Bands!

Stream Valley Project Will Be Beneficial

In her September 3 letter to the GNR, my friend and neighbor Jean Newcomb bemoans the loss of some 51 trees to re-engineer the stream running through the Lakewood-Northway Valley Stream Park. I say re-engineer because the stream course was moved to its present location in 1957 when fill dirt from excavations of the basements of

houses built along Northway at that time (mine included, at 119) was dumped on top of the original stream to create a broad level playing field. That created a straight channel along the northwest edge of the playing field through which storm water has raced ever since, eroding the channel to a deep ditch. Much later, large chunks of broken sidewalk were dumped at the lower end in an attempt to control further erosion of the streambed.

At the upper end of the park, storm water from Hillside Road accelerates down a steep 20-foot concrete chute into a pond gouged out by the erosive action of that water, together with water from a tube running under Hillside Road carrying runoff from streets, parking lots, roofs, etc., further up this small watershed. Together these waters speed down the re-located stream, cutting soil from its banks and bottom and carrying it downstream.

At the lower end of the playground, the water falls over a three-foot high weir into a concrete channel that carries it rapidly down to and under Crescent Road. There it dumps into another gouged-out pond and gulley, finally joining another ditch coming from Braden Field to flow into Greenbelt Lake. Of course, it doesn’t stop there. The storm water, minus some of its sediment, flows over the lake spillway down to Indian Creek, the Anacostia, the Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay, causing serious stream bank erosion and sediment deposits all along the way and untold loss of trees, from bank undercutting, and loss of aquatic life, from turbid and polluted water.

As Jean pointed out, the clearing of foreign invasive plants in the woods in 2002 undoubtedly contributed to the erosion, but not in a major way, I would suggest. Having observed the storm water pouring over the weir at the bottom of the park playground for several decades (my backyard abuts the sidewalk across from the weir), I can attest that sediment-laden storm water flowed out of that area before, during and after the foreign invasives clearing and re-conquest.

The goal of the current engineering project is not only to stop the stream bank cutting (some of the 51 trees are already lying horizontally from undercutting) but also to impound the water, along with pollutants from autos and lawns and enhance its infiltration. A series of step ponds will give storm water more time to infiltrate into the ground thereby allowing less water and

sediment to run off and cause damage downstream.

I share Jean’s regret at the loss of mature trees. It should be some consolation, however, that not only will new trees and shrubs be planted but they will be native species that are known to be more adept at stabilizing stream banks than those trees that inadvertently found themselves on the edge of a re-located stream in 1957.

The problems of Indian Creek have long been of particular concern to CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek), of which I am a member. Although this little watershed in old Greenbelt may seem small and inconsequential, all large watersheds at their upper reaches are comprised of small watersheds. By reducing the volume of storm water runoff from small upper-reach watersheds through enhanced impoundment and infiltration, we solve the problems of the larger watersheds. This project is but a small beginning but it will benefit not only Greenbelt Lake but also the entire Indian Creek/Anacostia/Potomac/Chesapeake watershed. We all can take pride in that.

Lowell Owens

Utopia Film Ticket Winners Announced

The Utopia Film Festival Committee is happy to announce that two Greenbelters, Marsha Voigt and Cheryl Carroll are the winners of the Information Day drawing for a \$25 Festival Pass to see all the films shown at the Utopia Film Festival, October 19 through 25.

Congratulations Marsha and Cheryl!

Barbara Logan,
Utopia Film Festival Committee

Thanks for the Help But Later on, Please

My husband Walter W. Andersen collapsed at the Community Center on Monday, August 31. After his death, many kind people, mostly strangers to me, have offered condolences, help, etc. For now, I’m “racing against the clock” to take care of several important matters. I hope the gracious people who have offered help will understand that my ability to respond is limited for now. I hope to meet all of you later, under better circumstances, and have time to get to know you better.

Anne W. Andersen

Grin Belt



“Yumm . . . funnel cake!”

Museum Workshop On Making Wings

The College Park Airport Museum is offering a workshop on Sunday, September 13 at 1 p.m. that begins with a demonstration and then participants will build their own 1909 Wright wing rib. A workshop fee includes supplies and museum admission. Sign up at any of the Wilbur’s Workshops or call the museum at 301-864-6029. Private group workshops can also be scheduled. This workshop will be repeated on December 13.

Free Tutoring Starts Again at SHL Center

The free elementary school tutoring and the Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program will start again at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to noon for elementary, middle and high school students.

All students are reminded to bring their textbooks. Call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 for more information.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, September 17, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Underground Utility Contract Additional Sites – 2nd Reading
- Reverse Share Loan Proposal
- Proposed Rules Change – Placement of HVAC
- Requests for Contributions:
 - Cooperative Development Foundation
 - NASCO
 - Labor Day Festival

Regular Board meetings are open to Members
For more information, visit our website - www.ghi.coop

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF SEPT 11

Julie & Julia
(PG-13)

Friday

*5, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday

*2:30, *5, 7:30, 9:50

Sunday

*2:30, *5, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pandgtheatres.com

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for September 14 through September 18 include:

Monday – Navy bean soup, ham and cheese on croissant with mustard, four-bean salad, yogurt cup.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meat-loaf with mushroom gravy, sweet potatoes, broccoli, fresh plums.

Wednesday – Minestrone, seafood pasta salad, lettuce and tomato salad with dressing, sliced beets with onions, fresh apple.

Thursday – Grape juice, meat lasagna, sweet kernel corn, sliced carrots, orange sherbet.

Friday – Annual senior picnic.

At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 15, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 16, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, September 17, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

GHI Notes

Saturday, September 12, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Tuesday, September 15, 7 p.m., Sellers Seminar – Board Room

Wednesday, September 16, 6:45 p.m., Investment Committee – Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee – GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Finance Committee – Board Room

Thursday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, September 18, Offices Closed. (Emergency maintenance available; call 301-474-6011.)

Monday, September 21, 7 p.m., Communication Committee – GHI Lobby

7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – GHI Lobby

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Exploring the Clarinet Artistry of Artie Shaw

To open its fall speaker series, on Friday, September 18 Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Stephen Kramer on the musical career of clarinetist Artie Shaw between 1935 and 1954, after which he gave up playing to devote his full attention to writing.

Shaw, who was born in New York City in 1910 and became a major star in 1938 with his recording of Cole Porter’s “Begin The Beguine,” ranks with the most renowned jazz clarinetists. This presentation will include a variety of his recordings, radio broadcasts and motion picture appearances.

Kramer, for 35 years an electronics engineer, has collected jazz, big band recordings and videos since his childhood. He is co-author of “Gene Krupa and his Orchestra,” published by Jazz Discographies Unlimited in 1973; participated in producing CDs by Dick Haymes and Buddy Clark, prominent vocalists of the 1940s; and conducted college classes on American Popular Song.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Empirian Village Movie Sept. 11

The Empirian Village Apartment Community will host its final outdoor movie night of the season on Friday, September 11 at 6 p.m. by the Business Center, at 9230 Springhill Lane. All are invited to come; bring lawn chairs. A spokesperson declined to provide the movie title but did share that it is a mystery.

Openings Remain For Kayaking Trip

The Greenbelt Senior Center still has three openings for the kayaking trip on Saturday, September 26. Participants will go to the Salisbury area for a two-hour guided kayaking trip using tandem kayaks, then a home-cooked lunch. Anyone from age eight up is welcome to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Vans will leave the library parking lot at 8 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required and there is a fee. Call 240-542-2054 for more information.

Free Senior Movie Is “Yellow Ribbon”

The free monthly senior movie “She Wore a Yellow Ribbon” will be shown on Monday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 111.

Director John Ford’s frontier masterpiece boasts one of John Wayne’s best performances as a cavalry officer in his final week of service. As Captain Nathan Brittles (Wayne) readies his troops for battle against an Indian tribe, his soldiers become involved in a series of more personal confrontations – especially when a lovely lady from the East visits the fort, capturing the attention of more than one man.

No registration is required. For more information call 240-542-2054.

GIVES to Hold Quarterly Meeting

GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will have its quarterly meeting on Saturday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. Reports will be given on the activities for the last quarter and proposed activities for the quarter ahead.

GIVES members will also report on their participation in Information Day of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. The organization has received a new computer from the city, which will help in serving members more efficiently.

Annual Seniors Open Forum Is Saturday

Greenbelt seniors are encouraged to come at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 12 to the Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room (Room 201) to express concerns about problems affecting them or their neighbors.

Seniors can tell what is working in Greenbelt and what can be done to sustain and improve the lives of seniors in the city. These forums can provide elected officials with relevant information. They are sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. For more information call 240-542-2054.

Sunday Bird Walks September 13, 20

The Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will host bird walks at Beltsville Agricultural Research Center on the next two Sundays, September 13 and 20 from 7 to 10 a.m.

September 13 the group will meet at the gate at the top of Research Road. Songbirds, raptors and others are migrating south – join in looking for them. The starting location for September 20 is to be announced. All abilities are welcome; binoculars, sunscreen, insect repellent and protective clothing are recommended.

For details email or call Michel Cavigelli, michel.cavigelli@yahoo.com, 301-614-0691 or 240-304-9480.

More Community Events can be found on pages 2, 4 and 12

Join Scouting Night

We are looking for young men from First through Fifth Grades and their parents to come join in the fun!!!

Thursday
September 17th, 6:30PM
Greenbelt Community Church; 1 Hillside Road
Cubmaster: Gary Sanderson 301.552.4795
cubinfo@pack202.org www.pack202.org

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of SEPT 11

FRI. – SAT.
9, PG-13 (!)
11:15, 1:25, 3:30, 5:35, 7:45, 10
All About Steve, PG-13 (!)
11:40, 2:15, 4:35, 10:10
Tyler Perry’s
“I Can Do Bad all by Myself”
PG-13 (!)
11:25, 12:10, 2:05, 2:45, 4:45, 5:25, 7:40, 8:05, 10:15, 10:40
Whiteout, R (!)
11:40, 2:15, 4:35, 7:30, 10:20
Sorority Row, R (!)
11:30, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10
Gamer, R (!)
12:10, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:40
The Final Destination, R
1:25, 3:30, 5:35
Halloween II, R
11:15, 7:45, 10:30

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GREENBELT BLUES FESTIVAL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 2009

Roosevelt Center at Crescent Road & Southway Road, Greenbelt, Md

2pm - 8pm OUTDOORS

ROOSEVELT CENTER

8pm - 11pm INDOORS

THE NEW DEAL CAFE

FREE ADMISSION INDOORS AND OUT

A FULL DAY AND EVENING OF ACOUSTIC AND ELECTRIC BLUES

INCLUDING (in order of appearance) :

THE BLUE DOG BAND w/ ED CROWLEY

IDA CAMPBELL & BLUES NATION

KERO w/ KEVIN ROBINSON

THE ANDY POXON BAND

THE CAPITAL BLUES ENSEMBLE

JOHNNY GRAVE

ANTHONY ‘SWAMPDOG’ CLARK & THE BLUES ALLSTARS

THE STACY BROOKS BAND

JOSEPH STICH & THE OUTER FRINGE

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Greenbelt Arts Center

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Fridays & Saturdays
Sept 11 & 12, 18 & 19 at 8:00 pm
A classic bromance - without the bros
Presented by the Rude Mechanicals
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Condolences to the family and friends of Walter Andersen of Greenhill Road, who died August 31, 2009, at the age of 74. He was a longtime resident of the Lakewood community.

Congratulations to Jean Cook of Boxwood, who is Greenbelt's 2009 Outstanding Citizen.

A warm Greenbelt welcome to Celia, an exchange student from Hong Kong participating in the Global Insights program. She will be living with her host parents Yvette Duboscq and Larry Flynn and their daughter Anna, while attending ERHS. Celia will study American history, Japanese and piano and looks forward to making lots of American friends.

We hope everyone enjoyed the Labor Day Festival, which was better than ever this year in spite of the sudden rainstorm on Sunday night.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

Upcoming Free Music At the New Deal Café

On Thursday, September 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. the New Deal Café will host an open microphone session (scheduled every Thursday). Friday, September 11 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. will feature jazz and blues by John Guernsey of Takoma Park (repeats every Friday and Saturday). The five-piece bluegrass band Zekiah Swampcats will play from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Saturday, September 12 TV John and The Legendary Band perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by the Greenbelt Blues Festival, which will be held outdoors from 2 to 8 p.m., then move inside the Café from 8 to 11 p.m.

On Sunday, September 13 Sasha Colette and James Overbee will present Indie/Blues/Americana from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., followed by Jack Couldn't Make It from 5 to 8 p.m.

Next Week

Mike Novak will be at the Café from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15.

Wednesday, September 16 John Paul will play from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by Dennis Botzer playing Irish piano tunes from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Friday, September 18 Kiva, a percussive/acoustic/world-beat ensemble, will perform from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday will feature legendary reed-blowin' man Buck Hill's small trio from 8 to 11 p.m. Sunday, September 20 will feature music by the Mike Grasso Trio from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (repeats third Sunday of each month), followed by music by Brothers and Sisters from 5 to 8 p.m.

On Wednesday, September 23, 7 to 9:30 p.m. there will be a free Cajun jam for dancers, musicians and listeners who enjoy Cajun music. Beginners welcome.

For more information visit the Café website at www.newdealcafe.com or call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642.

Slichot Program Held At Mishkan Torah

One week before the holiday of Rosh Hashanah, Mishkan Torah Congregation holds the observance of Slichot with a thought-provoking movie followed by discussion of the film as it relates to the observance of the forthcoming high holy days. The film, based on the book of the same name by Jonathan Safran Foer, is about a young man who searches for the righteous gentiles that saved his grandfather from the Holocaust during WWII.

The Slichot program will begin at Mishkan Torah at 8:15 p.m., Saturday, September 12 with the film "Everything is Illuminated." The discussion will follow until 10:15 p.m., when Slichot services will begin.

Visitors, students and military personnel should be informed that seating is available for them for all of the holiday services, i.e., from Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah at no cost. There is no assigned seating.

Astronomical Star Party this Weekend

On Saturday, September 12 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shtml.

Meals on Wheels Is Accepting Customers

Meals on Wheels is accepting new customers in Greenbelt. Meals are delivered to the customer's door Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each daily delivery consists of a hot meal, a bread pack (with coffee, tea and other condiments), a sandwich, salad, fruit, juice and milk.

The price is \$20 per week and is guaranteed through the end of 2009.

Needs Volunteers

The group also needs volunteers to help pack daily meals and drivers and visitors weekdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Volunteers work from one day a week to whenever possible.

To enroll or to get answers to any questions, call Meals on Wheels of College Park at 301-474-1002 Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to noon.



Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



Sunday School 10:00am

Worship Service 10:00am

Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org




Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

September 13, 10 a.m.

Annual In-Gathering and Water Ceremony by Rev. Diane Teichert, minister, with worship associates, choir and chalice dancers.

Welcoming newcomers including our new minister and our new interim director of Religious Exploration.




Greenbelt Baptist Church
101 Greenhill Road
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212
www.greenbeltbaptist.org

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| Sunday | 9:45 am | Sunday School |
| Sunday | 11:00 am | Worship Service |
| Wednesday | 7:00 pm | Prayer Meeting/Bible Study |

ALL are Welcome!

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltucc.org
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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| Sundays: | 8:00 am | Simple, quiet Mass |
| | 9:00 am | Christian education for all ages |
| | 10:00 am | Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted |
| | 1:30 pm | Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only) |
| Wednesdays: | 7:00 pm | Simple, quiet Mass |

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| 9:15 am | Sunday School/Bible Study |
| 10:30 am | Worship Service |



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ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd



Sukkot begins: Fri., Oct. 2
Dairy pot-luck dinner in the Sukkah Fri. at 6:30 pm
Followed by a special family Shabbat service at 7:30 pm

Simchat Torah begins: Sat., Oct. 10
Services and Israeli dancing for the entire family at 7:30 pm


Historic synagogue dually affiliates with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

Monthly Family Shabbat, Innovative Religious School, Choir, Adult Education, Social Action, Sisterhood and Men's Club

FREE children's service tickets for High Holidays (MishkanFamily@gmail.com)
Non-member seating available ~ Moderate flexible dues



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www.MishkanTorah.org • MishkanTorah@hotmail.com



Bible Study & Worship

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| 9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks | |
| 10:00 a.m. Bible Study | 11:00 a.m. Worship |

Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

We want you to be a part of our celebration and worship!
301-474-4499

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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 14, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

– Advisory Planning Board, Report No. 09-01 (Craftstar Homes Revision to Detailed Site Plan Greenbelt Station South Core

LEGISLATION

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, “Corporation-Municipal,” Subtitle “Home Rule” to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 5, Titled, “Meetings”; Section 7 Titled “Council-Rules; Attendance; Expulsion of Members”; Section 8 Titled “Same-Quorum, Procedure” and Section 9 Titled “Ordinances and Resolutions – Procedure for Adoption; Enacting Clause” to Establish New Thresholds for Instances Where More than a Simple Majority of Council is Required to Take Certain Actions (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2009-3)- 1st Reading

A Resolution to Establish a 75th Anniversary Committee
- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Submission of Local & Bi-County Bills for 2010 Session
- * Resignation from Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM

YOUTH SOCCER SHORTS (3 year olds)
Saturdays @ 9am, beginning September 26 (six total sessions)
Braden Field #2, Resident: \$25; Non-Resident: \$30

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE (4&5 year olds)
Wednesday Practices @ 6pm; Saturday Games @ 10am
(Practices begin Wednesday, Sept. 16) Braden Field #2
Resident: \$50; Non-Resident: \$60

For more information please call 301-397-2200.
Registration is limited!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee. For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

Congratualions to Rabbit, Beautiful and Booger on their adoptions! Much happiness in their new homes!



Princess: Older German Shepard mix. Gentle and friendly.



Pinky: High energy female 1-1/2 years old white Jack Russell mix.

Ike: Sweet black white male cat.



Kittens: 2 black male kittens. 10 weeks old. Very cute and lovable.



Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 3, 2009, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 2 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 3. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to request a form. You may also print out the form from the City Web site.

CITY COUNCIL STATEMENT ON RECENT RACIST GRAFFITI ISSUE

Over the weekend of August 29, graffiti was placed on one of Greenbelt’s pedestrian underpasses. The graffiti was racist in nature and was directed at a person who is considering running for City Council in the upcoming November election.

We, the City Council, believe actions of this type are abhorrent and do not reflect the values of diversity of our community as stated in the Greenbelt Community Pledge. A violation against one is a violation against all.

This graffiti is a hate crime and will be handled as such by the Greenbelt Police Department. The city will fully prosecute this action. A reward of up to \$1,000 is being offered for any information leading to an arrest. We urge anyone with information about the act to report it to the Police at 301-474-7200.

The Greenbelt City Council

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee presents:

ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

Saturday, September 12, 2009
1:00-3:00 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose Room, Room 201

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt.

City of Greenbelt, Department of Planning & Community Development and the Department of Recreation



ANNUAL POOCH PLUNGE!

Saturday, September 12
11am-2pm

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
A splash party for you and your dog!
\$5.00 per dog/One dog per handler
For more information call 301-474-6124

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming www.greenbeltmd.gov
Monday, September 14 at 8pm: City Council Live

Tuesday-Friday, September 15-18: 1:00pm “Ask the Expert”
2:00pm “Outstanding Citizen 2009” **2:30pm** “Greenbelt Idol 2009”
4:00pm “Replay of Council Meeting of September 14”
6:00pm “Ask the Expert” **7:00pm** “Outstanding Citizen 2009”
7:30pm “Greenbelt Idol 2009” **9:00pm** “Replay of Council Meeting of September 14”

GREENBELT CITYLINK: www.greenbeltmd.gov
For information on City government, services, and events.

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 14-18

Monday, September 14 at 7:30pm, **GREENACES**, at the Community Center.

Monday, September 14 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**, Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21, and Streaming on Greenbelt CityLink.

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

GREENBELT RECREATION FIT ‘N’ FUN AEROBICS 452203-1

High/low impact aerobics, kick-boxing, toning, step, and weights. Babysitting service available to registered participants only. Child’s information must be included on registration form. No drop-in babysitting is allowed. Fees for babysitting allow for two children per participant, \$20 each additional child. SPACE IS LIMITED!!! Drop in available. M/W/F 9:30am-10:45am Community Center Room 106 Ages 16-Adult Instructor: Judy Cocchairo
For registration information call 301-397-2208.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers
Saturday, September 12, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Parking lot between City Office & Community Ctr. Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

FALL 10-WEEK GED COURSE

REGISTRATION
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 15
BEGINNING 10:30a.m.
Greenbelt Municipal Building- 25 Crescent Road
Classes will be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays
September 17 to November 19
GED I: 10:30am-12:30pm;
GED II: 1:00-3:00pm
Info: Greenbelt CARES 301-345-6660.

GREENBELT RECREATION KAYAKING TRIP

The Greenbelt Senior Center once again has three openings for the kayaking trip on Saturday, September 26. This trip will be going to the Salisbury area to enjoy 2-hour guided kayaking trip using tandem kayaks and then enjoy a home-cooked lunch. Anyone from age eight on up is welcome to participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The vans will leave the library parking lot at 8:00am and return by 4:00pm. Pre-registration is required and there is a fee. Please call 240-542-2054 for more information.

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Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of Greenbelt: History of a New Town. She has also been a museum docent.

In 1995, when the City Council established the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), she was appointed to the committee and elected chair helping to guide the development of ACE programs to the benefit of Greenbelt’s schools. She served as chair until her election to the Greenbelt City Council when she took on the role of council liaison to ACE. She is also the council liaison to the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee.

Her work experience includes teaching social studies at Suitland Senior High School from 1969-73, serving as the Information Specialist at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) from 1981-87 and from 1987-2003 she worked at National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) as director of communications and cooperative education.

Her interest in education and cooperatives has informed her efforts to enhance the quality of life for Greenbelt citizens. Familiar with the NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) program providing services to seniors in New York City cooperatives, she advocated for the adoption of Greenbelt’s Assistance in Living program. She once ran a conference on cooperatives and the Living Wage and as a councilmember pushed the city to establish a Living Wage policy providing city employees and those of city contractors with a wage higher than the minimum wage.

As ERHS PTSA president, she called for a light at Frankfort and Greenbelt Roads and called again, successfully, after election to Council. Her efforts ensured Greenbelt’s Playful City charter designation and KaBoom! grant for the South Ora Court playground. The program recognizes and promotes health and fitness for the young and not so young throughout the city. Alert to opportunities and partnerships, she also suggested the Maryland Municipal League adopt the MML Geocache Trail. This high-tech treasure hunting game brings people from around the country to find the city’s geocache and promotes and markets the city at virtually no cost.

Mach is a board member of the Greenbelt Community Foundation whose mission is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt. Beyond Greenbelt, she is the past president of both the Cooperative Communicators Association and Parent Cooperative Preschools International. She has received many awards including in 1995 the national Co-op Month Award for Communications.

Mach grew up in a military family. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C., and she graduated from a Prince George’s County school – Bladensburg. In 1969, she received a B.A. with Honor with a major in history and minors in English and education from Michigan State University.

As a new member of Council in 2003, she felt it important to deepen her understanding of lo-

cal government and thus enrolled in and subsequently became a graduate of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, a collaborative effort involving the Maryland Municipal League and the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service.

Emmett Jordan

Emmett V. Jordan has lived in Greenbelt for the past 10 years. He first rented his unit at Greenbriar across from Eleanor Roosevelt High School before purchasing the condominium in 2004. While working at the University of Maryland, he was attracted to Greenbelt because of its access to transportation, recreational amenities, shopping and its “walkability.”

Jordan is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio. He studied liberal arts and music at Morehouse College in Atlanta and at the University of Cincinnati. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in urban administration from the School of Design Art, Architecture and Planning at the University of Cincinnati. He lived and worked in Northern New Jersey (Essex County) for 15 years before moving to Maryland.

His career has been primarily in development and fund-raising for nonprofit organizations. For the past four years, he has worked as an independent contractor providing marketing and planning services to nonprofits, associations and businesses. Prior to that, he worked with the Smithsonian Institution and with the University of Maryland at College Park (which relocated him to Maryland from New Jersey). Over a 25 year career, he has worked with a variety of other education, health, cultural and social service organizations including the United Negro College Fund, the Saint Michael’s Medical Center and Montclair State University. This career track has afforded him an opportunity to live his values through his work.

Jordan has extensive experience in civic and community service positions. He is a five-year member of the city’s Advisory Planning Board (APB), which reviews development proposals and provides other planning assistance to the city council. He recently spearheaded an effort with other APB members to update the city’s bicycle and pedestrian plan.

He has been on the Greenbriar Condominium Association (Phase I) Board of Directors for five years and is currently the treasurer. He is the co-chair of the Greenbelt Community Foundation, a voluntary organization that makes grants to local organizations to enhance the quality of life in Greenbelt. He is also a vice president of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and an active supporter of other groups including the Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance and the Transit Riders United of Greenbelt.

Outside of Greenbelt, he has been a volunteer with the Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL), co-chairing an Urban League auxiliary, the Urban Roundtable, for several years. He represented the Urban League on a voter registration task force that planned and coordinated a large voter registration project in the District of Columbia for the 2004

election. He has been a Prince Georges County Election Judge (in College Park) since 2004.

Jordan has served on the board of directors of the Metro DC Chapter of the Association of Fund-raising Professionals (and was previously on the board of the New Jersey chapter) and he held a certification from AFP for several years.

Community service and volunteerism are important values in the Jordan family. The son of an educator and a social service administrator, Jordan was raised by his parents in the progressive tradition of the Unitarian Church. He currently attends Reid Temple AME Church and All Souls Unitarian Church.

Emmett is 52 years old. He leads an active life and likes to spend time outdoors. He is an avid tennis player (whose serves are perhaps aided by his 6’6” frame) and he has co-chaired the Greenbelt Tennis Association for the past four years. He enjoys long recreational bike rides, attends concerts and other cultural programs and plays guitar as a hobby.

Candidate profiles are prepared by the candidates.

Early Season Flu Shots Urged

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene officials have endorsed Governor Martin O’Malley’s urgent call for Marylanders to get an annual seasonal flu vaccination now before the H1N1 (swine) flu vaccine becomes available in October.

County Prepares For Flu Season

Prince George’s County Public Schools and the county Health Department plan to vaccinate thousands of elementary age students in light of the predicted severity of this year’s flu season. The flu information campaign will focus on preventive measures such as frequent hand washing, covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing and staying home when flu-like symptoms appear.

County Board of Education school nurses have received training on identifying and reporting flu symptoms. Other preventive maintenance includes frequent cleaning of high-contact areas such as doorknobs, light switches and desktops. The Maintenance Department will also provide hand sanitizer in schools.

Vaccinations for seasonal flu are expected to be available in all elementary schools in October for students ages 3 to 11. Vaccinations for the H1N1 (swine) flu are not yet available but will be provided at select school sites this fall, county officials report.

For more information, see www.pgcps.org or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at www.cdc.gov.

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happy with this plan. Mayor Judith Davis said that garden apartments are “passé” and all buildings now have elevators.

Wine agreed, suggesting he was planning on four-story buildings with elevators.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts said the city has too many apartments already. “Why apartments?” he asked. He prefers co-ops or condos and suggested that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) might have an interest in co-ops at that location.

Councilmember Leta Mach also expressed an interest in co-op housing. She indicated there could be some seed money for co-op senior housing. Mach suggested that the key to successful housing is owner-occupied and with limited ability for owners to rent out their units.

Wine felt that condos would not sell if owners knew they could not rent them out later if they wished.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked the developers if they had thought about the influence on schools with the new housing. Wine estimated there would

be a relatively small number of children in the units. Herling thought there might be more children than anticipated.

Zoning Issues

Rezoning part or all of the property presents a number of problems. Quantum would prefer to rezone part of the property at the beginning and build on one section. The city, however, appears not to be in favor of rezoning part of the parcel into a mixed use zoning.

Wine said that Giant and Target have very long leases on the property, which could affect the zoning issue. Davis summarized the issue, saying that she and other councilmembers need to understand the zoning issues better themselves. Council would also like another overall plan to review.

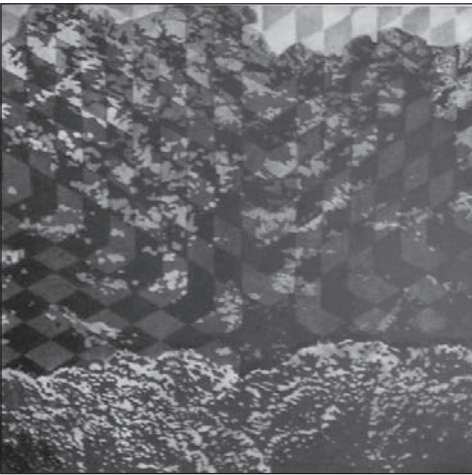
Future Meeting

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said these discussions had gone beyond the scope of a stakeholders’ meeting. He proposed a separate announced working meeting to discuss the development issues in more detail.

Montpelier Arts Center Anniversary Exhibit

The Montpelier 30th Anniversary Exhibition will run from September 10 to October 25.

Free and open to the public, it features resident artists at Montpelier from 1979 to 2009. A reception on Friday, September 11 runs from 7 to 9 p.m. An open house on Sunday, October 18 is from noon to 5 p.m. Past and present artists who have studios at Montpelier include Greenbelt residents Judith Kornett and Barbara Stevens. The jazz series, begun in 1982, opens with a concert by Greenbelt resident and jazz legend Buck Hill on September 25. The Montpelier Arts Center is



This Barbara Stevens landscape is a study in green.

located at 9652 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

For more information call 301-377-7800.

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Worship services at 8:15 and 10:30
Sunday School from 9:30 to 10:15

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| Fresh Sweet Seedless Grapes | \$ 1⁶⁹ lb. | Fresh Crisp Green Beans | \$ 1²⁹ lb. |

| Fresh Quality Meats | | | |
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| Fresh Value Pack Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breasts Tenders | \$ 1⁹⁹ lb. | Fresh Value Pack 80 % Lean Ground Beef | \$ 1⁷⁹ lb. |
| Fresh Natural Boneless Whole Pork Loin Cut Free 9-10 lb. avg. | \$ 1⁷⁹ lb. | Fresh Value Pack Split Chicken Breasts | \$ 1⁴⁹ lb. |
| Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Top Round London Broil | \$ 3⁹⁹ lb. | Shurfine Sliced Bacon 1 lb. pkg. | \$ 1⁹⁹ |
| Fresh Value Pack Pork Flat Spare Ribs | \$ 1⁹⁹ lb. | Kunzler Boneless Ham Steak 8 oz. | \$ 1⁹⁹ |

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| Florida’s Nat. Premium Orange Juice Assorted 59-64 oz. | \$ 2⁵⁰ | Yoplait Assorted Yogurt 6 oz. | 60¢ | Stouffer’s Red Box Entrees Select Varieties 6-21 oz. | \$ 1⁹⁹ |
| Shurfine Cream Cheese 8 oz. brick | \$ 1²⁵ | 8th Continent Soy Milk 64 oz. | \$ 2⁵⁰ | Turkey Hill Ice Cream Assorted 1.5 qt. | \$ 2⁵⁰ |
| Health & Beauty | | Seafood | | Natural & Gourmet | |
| Advil P.M. Pain Relief 20 pk. | \$ 3⁹⁹ | Fresh Catch Haddock Fillets | \$ 6⁹⁹ lb. | Green Giant Boxed Vegetables Select Varieties 7-10 oz. | \$ 1²⁵ |
| Kotex Feminine Products Assorted 14-64 pk. | \$ 2⁹⁹ | East Coast Oysters Select/Standard 8 oz. | \$ 4⁹⁹ | Heritage Select Basmati Rice Dishes 6.5 oz. | \$ 2⁵⁰ |
| | |  | | Twining Tea Earl Grey/Black/English Breakfast 20 pk. | \$ 2⁹⁹ |
| | | | | Fresh Store Baked Club Rolls 6 pk. | \$ 1⁷⁹ |
| | | | | Fresh Store Baked Sugar Free Cherry Pie 8 inch | \$ 4⁹⁹ |

| Grocery Bargains | | | |
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| Bumble Bee Solid White Tuna 5 oz. | \$ 1⁰⁰ | Barilla Assorted Pasta 13-16 oz. | \$ 1⁰⁰ |
| Gatorade Thirst Quencher Drinks Assorted 32 oz. | \$ 1⁰⁰ | Shurfine Canned Fruit Assorted 15 oz. | \$ 1⁰⁰ |
| Quaker Life or Cap’n Crunch Cereals Assorted 14-16 oz. | \$ 2⁰⁰ | Del Grosso Spaghetti Sauce Assorted 26 oz. | \$ 1²⁵ |
| Campbell’s Soup at Hand Soups Assorted 10.75 oz. | 3/\$ 4⁰⁰ | Thomas Twin Pack English Muffins 12 pk/24 oz. | \$ 1⁹⁹ |
| Hunt’s Snack Pack Puddings & Gelatins Asst. 4 pk. | \$ 1⁰⁰ | Shurfine Canned Vegetables Select Varieties 14-15 oz. | 60¢ |

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DWI

August 29, 12:51 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A 32-year-old male resident was arrested after a traffic stop and charged with various violations that included driving while intoxicated. He was released on citations pending trial.

Assault

August 30, 6:23 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Several children playing on a playground were fired upon by a black male using a BB gun. He is described as 15 to 17 years old, 6' with a thin build and black hair, wearing a white T-shirt, black gym shorts and black and red tennis shoes. Anyone with information is asked to call the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

Robberies

August 30, 10:22 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. Two black males approached the victim and demanded money. After taking the person's cellphone and iPod they fled on foot. They each are 15 to 18 years old, 5'7" to 5'11", 130 to 160 pounds, with black hair in dreadlocks.

September 1, 2:12 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road. A man was approached by three suspects who assaulted him and took his wallet and car keys. They then stole his car, a red 2005 Mazda 3 with MD tags 7DZR13, and fled the area. Suspects are described as black males wearing all dark clothing.

September 1, 11 a.m., 7600 block Hanover Parkway. A resident youth was released to a parent pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services following a strong arm robbery.

Burglaries

August 28, 11:58 p.m., 7900 block Greenbury Drive. Cash and DVDs taken.

August 31, 4:08 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. Television and Xbox taken.

September 1, 9:55 a.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. Cash taken.

September 2, 12:10 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road. Nothing taken.

September 3, 7:06 a.m. 9200 block Springhill Lane. Currency and cellphones among items taken.

Vandalism

August 30, 9:20 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside Road. Graffiti was found on tunnel walls.

September 1, 12:52 a.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive. A window was broken.

Vehicle Crimes

Thefts from autos occurred in the following areas: 6600 block Lake Park Drive (expiration sticker), Greenbrook Drive at Brooks Place (airbag), 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace (front MD tag JTT597), 6100 block Breezewood Drive (in-dash navigation system and iPod), 6100 block Springhill Terrace (stereo face plate), 6000 block Springhill Drive (rear MD tag 1CNS94), 500 block Crescent Road (documents). There was an attempted theft from auto in 6100 block Breezewood Drive.

Vandalism to vehicles happened in 8100 block Mandan Terrace (vehicle scratched) and 8200 block Canning Terrace (car door kicked causing dents). Car windows were broken in 9100 block Edmonston Road and 6100 Breezewood Drive.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered with no arrests.

Juvenile Is Stabbed In Fight at Center

Greenbelt Police reported an incident at Roosevelt Center involving a stabbing on Saturday, September 5 following the closing of the Labor Day Festival for the night. According to the police statement a fight broke out among a group of juveniles. During the fight an assault occurred and a male juvenile was stabbed once. He was transported to the hospital for treatment and is expected to recover.

One arrest has been made and the investigation is continuing, according to police.

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Voting Process Discussed with Bd. of Elections

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with the Prince George's County Board of Elections on August 31. Kenneth Barksdale, Jr., president, Olivia Vaughns, vice president and Alisha Alexander, election director, represented the County Board of Elections. The Greenbelt Board of Elections also participated in the worksession.

Election Changes

Mayor Judith Davis indicated that the session was called to discuss a number of changes in this year's Greenbelt council election.

1. The number of councilmembers to be elected will increase from five to seven people, ensuring a larger number of candidates and possibly a higher turnout of voters. At least 15 people have picked up candidacy papers.

2. There will be early voting, for the first time. Early voting will take place in Greenbelt East on the weekend of October 17-18 and in Greenbelt West the weekend of October 24-25. In the center city, early voting will take place October 19-23.

3. The city is increasing education and outreach programs.

4. Greenbelt Neighbor Alliance and other groups will be providing information and registering voters.

5. Greenbelt will be using four voting places this year. Residents will be notified of the locations as schools cannot be used as they do not close for local elections.

County Role

Alexander described the county's role in elections. Alexander stated that the Board of Elections is responsible for conducting federal and state elections as well as local elections for the 27 municipalities in the county. Their assistance is provided to cities, such as Greenbelt, "at a fee." They provide the city with a listing of streets, precinct registration information, mailing voting registration cards and telephone support during an election.

For candidates one of the most critical activities is providing voter lists that candidates use to visit households or mail out literature. It is crucial that candidates know that the latest date that they can receive a voter registration list is October 5, the day registration closes. After that date, a list will not be provided. Several current councilmembers indicated that purchasing lists is often complicated and they recommended that new candidates visit the Board

of Elections offices in person to obtain assistance. The offices are located at 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Upper Marlboro. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Alexander indicated that the county will be observing Greenbelt's early voting procedure as the county will be instituting it next year in five locations throughout the county. Based on discussion with other jurisdictions, she stated that voting participation generally does not increase in non-presidential election years. Councilmember Ed Putens mentioned that Greenbelt had used mail voting for the first time two years ago and it did not increase voter turnout. But both of these projects are still new and little tested.

Registration Process

A person completing a registration form must provide either a driver's license identification or a Social Security number. If they have neither of these, they must produce additional address verification. Forms can be downloaded from a website, completed and mailed to Upper Marlboro. All voter registration forms must be received in Upper Marlboro by October 5. In person registration is also available.

Other Topics

Current councilmembers lamented the amount of returned mail that they receive from mailings to potential voters. There followed a discussion of how people are removed from registration lists once they have moved. Alexander commented

that it is difficult if the person has not sent in a change of address notice. People can be flagged by the Postal Service but even then the board has to try to contact them again. If they don't respond, they are put into an "inactive" file and could remain for a number of years before being purged from the list.

Another issue involved what type of individually-identifiable voting information is available to the public. The fact that a person voted in a particular election and their address will be provided to people who request that information in person. They can also obtain whether the voter voted in person and their political affiliation. How they voted is of course not known or provided.

Arboretum Exhibits Bonsai Display

From September 5 through 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the private collections of bonsai enthusiasts from Maryland's Eastern Shore will be on formal display at the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum of the U.S. National Arboretum. A free drop-in demonstration about how bonsai are created will be presented on Sunday, September 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

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Planning staff met with Emiprian Village management personnel and maintenance staff regarding new and ongoing inspections, submitted a Program Open Space development application for the Springhill Lake Recreation Center Renovation and Expansion Project and worked on preparing a cost estimate for a possible new pedestrian-activated signal at the St. Hugh crosswalk.

Public Works reports all crews put in several hours preparing for the Labor Day Festival. Work assignments included constructing and installing food booths, providing electric power, cleaning city buildings, delivering picnic tables, dressing up landscaping and installing parking signs along

Crescent Road and in the Roosevelt Center area.

The Youth Center gym will be closed the week of September 8 for floor refinishing and will re-open Monday, September 14.

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3 Bedrooms - Large Corner Lot GHI Townhome end unit with shed and patio in back yard. Hardwood cabinets & countertop. Reduced \$40K! \$148,900

Lower Level 1 Bedroom GHI Home - Granite countertops and modern open kitchen. Fenced yard with space for entertaining. Reduced! Only \$80,000

Three Bedroom Townhome - Lovely townhome w/sliding patio doors that opens onto deck, shaded yard and garden area. Remodeled kit. \$179,900

One Bedroom Home - One level living backs to woods. Enjoy the birds and other wildlife. Modern Cabinets. One level unit. \$99,000

Block Townhome - Near Center - 2 br. townhome with large 11' x 17' Master bedroom. Fresh paint, modern kitchen and more. \$169,900

Townhome With Addition - First-level addition with extra half-bath - room opens onto private deck. Two bedrooms and remodeled bath upstairs. Value Priced! - Bright, cheerful, sparkling 3 bedroom 1 bath in sought after GHI. Beautiful hardwood floors, fresh paint, fenced yd. Reduced! \$144,900

Townhome With Garage - 2 Bedroom GHI townhome within walking distance to Roosevelt Center. Backs to open space. Tastefully decorated. \$189,900

Corner Lot - 3 br. GHI townhome w/ large deck that backs to woods. Fresh paint, opened kit., w/d, ceiling fans, large yard. Reduced! Only \$154,900

Two Story Addition - Townhome on large corner lot, backs to wooded space. Extra half-bath on main level. Spacious kitchen & more. \$225,000

Completely Remodeled - 3 Br townhome with ceramic tile in kitchen and dining area. Amazing bathroom. Fresh paint, modern kitchen.Wow! \$185,000

Two Bedroom GHI Townhome - Freshly painted. New flat-top stove and modern refrigerator. Fiberglass tub surround. Porch addition. \$165,000

Brick Townhome - Large 11' x 17' master bedroom, 2nd bedroom oak hardwood flooring & bath on top level. Garden space & patio, too! \$209,900

Glen Ora - 3 Br, 2 1/2 bath townhome with fenced backyard, deck and shed. Ceiling Fans, stack washer/dryer, fireplace, alarm and more. \$199,500

Your Greenbelt Specialists



Sasha Colette and James Overbee pose in their native environment prior to their Americana tour.

Appalachian Music at Café on Sunday

On Sunday, September 13 at 1:30 p.m., touring Americana singer/songwriters Sasha Colette and James Overbee will be at the New Deal Café to share down-home music of the Appalachian Mountains.

Based in east Kentucky, Colette and Overbee are on a tour that includes Maryland, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia and Virginia to showcase roots-based music of folk, country and traditional ballads of joy and pain, love found and lost and life’s many twists and turns.

Overbee, a native of Beatyville, Ky., is signed with Kindred Records. A talented singer/songwriter with a gift of blending the human spirit and emotion with music, his latest CD of original songs is entitled “Staying In Touch.” Colette, a native of Olive Hill, Ky., bases her influences on old-time Americana folk and roots-based country blues. Her songs include vocals with lyrics of people and places from the hills of eastern Kentucky. Her latest CD is entitled “Vegas for A Day.”

Annual Blues Festival Will Fill Roosevelt Center, Café

by John Vengrouskie

A full day and evening of acoustic and electric blues plays Saturday, September 12 in Roosevelt Center. The annual Greenbelt Blues Festival is free and is brought to the public by the New Deal Café. From 2 to 8 p.m. the music will be outdoors and from 8 to 11 p.m. the Blues Festival will continue indoors at the Café. The line-up of participating musicians is listed in order of appearance in the ad on page 3.

Here is some idea of what to expect: Ed Crowley and the Blue Dog Band pretty much work the rough-edged Chicago style bar blues concept really well. Crowley’s harp work is a treat and their delivery is a solid exciting take on classic blues material, right down the middle, hard and fast.

Ida Campbell brings the blues to her radio audience every Friday at noon but when she steps out on stage to sing the blues, look out! She’s a gutsy no-nonsense singer so that listeners cannot ignore the message.

Kevin Robinson and KERQ cut to the heartfelt core of what the blues is all about. Robinson’s handle on the early-70s psychedelic blues style has a completely modern uptake that brings it all into the 21st century with honesty and intensity – he pulls no punches! Andy Poxon is a clean blues guitarist who can move from blistering lead work to sweet fill lines effortlessly. He has a soulful voice

and a great way with the blues repertoire as well as some very good original material. His band is tight and in tune with his vibe – he delivers. That he is not yet 16 seems impossible.

The Capital Blues Ensemble has in the last year turned more than a few heads by bringing back a sense of show-band and dance-flavored bar-band blues and R&B grooves that definitely wake folks up. They bring an aggressive swinging feel with jazz overtones to what is still at core the best of the blues.

Stacy Brooks is a powerful singer with a remarkable stage presence. She’s been treating audiences in the area to her gutsy blues and ballads for several years now and the festival organizers are very proud to have her.

Joseph Stich has followed a far-reaching muse through classical, jazz, rock and world music, fusing it all together to bring it back to the improvisational core of playing one’s heart out to the audience through an instrument, which is the essence of the blues. Closing the festival, Stich with his collaborative experimental instrumental blues performers, will offer a fascinating and heartfelt musical experience.

The Greenbelt Blues Festival is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts, with support from the city of Greenbelt and Prince George’s County.

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design and architectural issues associated with the proposed townhomes. The report does not address or offer guidance to council on the policy or overall planning issues that could be affected by the various commitments made by the developer to the city in covenants, developer agreements and annexation agreements entered into at the time of the DSP approval in 2006 for the South Core Metro development.

Although the APB majority recognized that council would have to assess overall city interests in the fulfillment of the various commitments made by the developers at the time of the 2006 approval for the South Core, they believe, “it is in the interest of the city to have construction begin in earnest on the South Core so that it may spur interest in the other components of the development.”

The board action also reflected what they saw as good faith efforts by Craftstar Homes representatives who agreed to modify their original designs and plans and address issues raised by the city and the APB members.

Recommendations

The majority report analyzes five site plan, design and/or architectural issues the APB recommends be revised so Craftstar Homes would meet the requirements of the covenants. Revisions in these instances would allow for some changes in the Craftstar Homes designs as opposed to strict adherence to design features in the Pulte Homes designs that, through conceptual artist’s drawings, were made requirements in the approved DSP. These revisions are:

1. Permitting greater leeway in vinyl siding on the front or sides of the townhomes. (In the Pulte design vinyl siding was prohibited due to appearance and durability issues.)
2. Allowing box, bay or punch-out windows in certain cases. (Such windows were prohibited also due to durability issues.)
3. Requiring penetrations, gutters and downspouts to match predominant façade colors. (This appearance issue was agreed to by Craftstar Homes.)
4. Maintaining a consistent build-to line in the front on any continuous row of 20-foot-wide townhomes. (This was required to create a comfortable and walkable streetscape.)

The latter requirement will be modified in the final report because Craftstar representatives, M. Courtney Treuth and David Kaufman, who were present at the meeting, noted greater cost implications. This feature actually relates more to the city’s desire to make sure that resident parking on the rear aprons is restricted or prohibited.

The APB was attempting to set a range of 2- to 4-foot setbacks for the units in a row but Craftstar representatives said their design options would allow only up to a 1-1/2-foot setback in the front. Such a limitation on the part of Craftstar Homes would result in the possibility of up to 10-1/2-foot driveway aprons in

the rear, which could tempt residents to park in those spaces.

In light of this problem, APB agrees that homeowner association rules or regulations could prohibit residential parking on the rear driveway aprons to avoid blocking alleyways between townhome rows.

5. Modifying the provision that the architecture of all 20-foot-wide townhomes conform to the elevations prepared (for Pulte) by the Lessard Group. (This item is meant to address basic differences between the original Pulte design rendering for the townhomes and the existing repertoire of Craftstar Homes. It is one of the main reasons for Metropark, LLC to seek revisions to the 2006 DSP.)

This item also goes to the issue raised from the outset that the Craftstar design provides a mid-range product based on a potential sales price between \$325,000 and \$425,000 versus the higher range sales price for the Pulte product in excess of \$600,000.

On this issue APB notes that Craftstar Homes has offered to change or add several architectural features to make their townhomes more appropriate to the urban context of the South Core plan – for example, changes in dormer window designs and other changes adding visual interest and a more formal and urban flavor to the roof lines.

Minority Report

In a two-page minority opinion, APB members Brian Gibbons and Sandra Lange set out their concerns with the proposed actions of the majority. Like them, Gibbons and Lange respect the hard work and investment of time and resources by the development interests in advocating for revising the covenant agreements.

While recognizing that the current economic downturn contributed greatly to the need for their request for revisions, Gibbons and Lange believe it is not in the best interests of all parties concerned to advance the South Core Project by relaxing the covenants.

The minority report contrasts sharply with the majority report. While the latter deals primarily with architectural design and site plan issues for the 151 townhome Craftstar proposal, the minority report takes a more comprehensive planning posture, weighing the potential impact of a piecemeal approach to jumpstart development on the overall Greenbelt Station project.

Their report describes the entire Greenbelt Station project as one proposed to be, “a premier destination point within Prince George’s County . . . (a) self-contained community where one can live, work, shop and play.” Since the original covenants were designed to increase the likelihood of achieving the original development plan, they reason that if the covenants are relaxed, there is no assurance that the original goals for the overall project would be realized.

They express a fear that if this initial project is perceived as being downgraded by relaxation of the covenants, the entire

plan may not be able to attract the residential, commercial and retail establishments originally envisioned.

Storm Water

The minority report also discusses an issue raised by the developers at the August 19 APB meeting, when they noted that more stringent county and state requirements for storm water management would be in place by spring 2010. They hoped to get construction approvals before then so the project would be “grandfathered” and not subject to those new and improved safeguards against erosion and sedimentation pollution from the proposed development.

The minority report raises concerns that benefits may be lost to residents, taxpayers and the Anacostia watershed if storm water management standards allowed for this development are of a lower standard than those required by new 2010 requirements.

The minority report also notes the lack of adequate approved funding mechanisms for infrastructure that need to be in place to serve development in the area of the proposed Metro Station which are necessary for the viability and success of the development. In particular, the minority report cites lack of county funding for the connector road to serve the South Core development.

The Gibbons and Lange report expressed concern that premature development “runs the risk of the proposed South Core development existing as an extended term cul-de-sac due to the limitations posed by the economy and would not be part of a larger transit oriented development as originally proposed.”

The minority report asserts that (Greenbelt) Metro adjacent development will remain highly desirable and should be developed according to the highest and best use(s) possible. The report asks, “Is it prudent for the residents and taxpayers of Greenbelt and the county to assume any additional risk associated with pursuing this project while questions may exist as to whether such a project as revised shows any greater likelihood of success?”

The writers are concerned about the long-term impact on the community when standards are lowered to fulfill an immediate goal.

While there was limited discussion of the draft minority report, at the end of the meeting the APB members recognized the right of the two members to issue such a report. Following approval of the APB majority report by a vote of four in favor and two opposed, the board voted unanimously to transmit the minority report to council as well.

APB staff coordinator Amy Hofstra advised the board that the reports will be included in materials prepared for the council meeting on September 14. It is likely council will schedule the reports for discussion and action at its following meeting on September 28.

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